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As we go into the next phase of the year and hopefully some beautiful weather, we have another edition of exciting news and events where you can enjoy meeting up with friends and relatives and maybe make some new friends

### **CULM VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY AT THE OLD WELL**

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of September from 10am until 4 pm** The Culm Valley Model Railway Club will hold a mini show of our club layouts at the Old Well Garden Centre EX15 3ES (near Junction 27 of the M5).

This replaces our annual show which was to have taken place in Willand on the same date but due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 we have decided to postpone it for yet another year.

So we have decided to hold a smaller event. At the top car park at the Old Well Garden Centre is our building housing our 30' layout of Tiverton Junction as it was in the early 1960's, before the motorway was built. This will be in operation together with Soldor, where kids can see the little blue engine and his friends whizz round through stations and tunnels. A layout of Lambourn will also be in operation.

Outside we will have 2 marquees housing Uffculme station as it was prior to closure, a large layout featuring more modern trains called Extown and a fun layout called Blackdown. We will also have a stall selling items of model railway interest.

**Admission is free** though we would be grateful for any donations to help towards the hire of the marquees.

Please come along for a family day out. Afterwards you can visit the garden centre for a browse and have a coffee and a cake (or something more substantial).

In addition we are now operating Tiverton Junction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month so if visiting the Garden Centre and you see the open sign on our building please pop in & have a look.

For further information about this event visit our webpage [www.cvmrc.co.uk](http://www.cvmrc.co.uk) or phone Chris Shields (Exhibition Manager) on 07785 788153 or myself, Peter Fosberry on 01884 821811. You can contact us by email at [cvmrc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cvmrc@hotmail.co.uk)

Also check out the website of the Old Well at [www.theoldwell.co.uk](http://www.theoldwell.co.uk) or their Facebook page



## **WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT**

It is raining, the sun is shining and the grass and everything else appears to be growing faster than contractors and Council workers can get around to cut it all back. They are doing their best and there is the odd polite reminder from the Parish Clerk as appropriate. What a wonderful opportunity for me to thank all those who are doing their bit to cut back growth from their own gardens to help keep the footpaths clear. It also allows me to make a plea to those that have not done so yet to think about tackling these jobs if needed.

The Parish Council has been holding its meetings in the Church Hall for the past couple of months to comply with the social distancing advice but I suspect that we will be back in the Village Hall Annex for our September meeting.

Please check the notice boards and website for final details. There is a vacancy on the Parish Council so please watch the announcements in case we have an election to fill the vacancy.

Our speed detection device should soon be back with us after a bit of teething trouble with water ingress. Initial findings have shown that far too many are driving over the speed limit in Silver Street so please slow down before the Speed Camera Teams use the information to target the trouble times. It's expensive to get caught apart from the potential danger speeding drivers may be causing to other road users.

With the lighter evenings and exams over some of our young people are having time on their hands and a few are putting themselves and others at risk with their activities. The odd bit of damage has been caused around and we all have to pay to put it right or else lose the facility. It is OK having a party but please put the rubbish in the bins – there are plenty around the village – and if they are full, please take your rubbish home. Breaking bottles in the play areas is not a good idea and for those of you who have been spotted with the odd gas canister and other funny substances I wonder what your parents would say. Please use common sense as life is too short to go and ruin it. To those in our community who help by clearing up after these incidents – thank you. Please report crime or anti-social behaviour to the police at the time – even if you just send an email.

Sadly, the state of some of our roads is not getting any better in spite of representations made by individuals and the Parish Council to DCC Highways and our County Councillor. If a hole is not big enough to fit the criteria it will not get repaired yet it is still a trip hazard for anyone crossing the roads, particularly at night when streetlights have been switched off. It is also hazardous for cyclists at a time when we are encouraged to get out on our bikes. Not with my knees you won't! If there are any problems with road repairs or obstructed footpaths/pavements, please use the DCC website to report the problem.

**[www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)**

Other issues you may wish to report involving play areas, unemptied litter bins, fly tipping and the like are the responsibility of MDDC and you are advised to email [customerservices@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@middevon.gov.uk) or ring MDDC on 01884 255255.

If all else fails, get in touch with our Parish Clerk. County, District and Parish Councillors will also help where they can and their contact details are on the first page of this Willand Magazine.

As we start to move out of lockdown, please respect the worries and concerns of those around you. Wear masks where appropriate and sensible and still respect distance. Follow the advice and please remember that although you may be OK, you could be responsible for infecting a person who is unable to cope with the infection. Personal choice also brings with it responsibility and consideration for others. Here endeth the lecture. Stay safe, enjoy the rest of the summer and please participate in and enjoy our community of Willand.

**Barry G J Warren**

### **WILLAND TENNIS CLUB**

Willand Tennis Club is a friendly club, located beside the Village Hall, and always keen to welcome new members. Junior and Adult annual membership is available at a very competitive price. All 4 courts will be available to book by the public for 'Pay & Play' up to 48 hours before the session. You can cancel your booking up to 24 hours before and obtain a full refund. For more details and to book a court, please look at our website:

**<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WillandTennisClub>**

Booking and payment is only available online.

Junior level coaching with our club coach, Nigel Little, takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (term time only). Minimum age for these sessions is 3 years. Adult coaching is also available either as a group or 1:1. Please contact Nigel on 07951140974 for more information.

**Helen Richardson. Willand Tennis Club Secretary.**

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Thanks to a generous donation from someone in the village we have been able to restore the clock on the church tower. As those living close enough will know it is chiming the hour again (after some initial teething problems it is now pretty much on time and chiming correctly). The dial has been removed to be repainted and re-gilded to restore it to its original design and we hope it will be back in situ in the coming weeks.

Our services remain at 10am in church each week and at 11am on zoom - please contact me if you would like the login details. We hope to restart a number of church groups in September depending on the availability of our volunteers and current advice, please keep an eye on the church notice boards or Facebook page for more info.

Church remains open from 9.30am to 4pm every day, please feel free to pop in for a time of quiet or to pray. **Rev Simon Talbot telephone 562570**  
**E: [simon@thetalbots.org.uk](mailto:simon@thetalbots.org.uk)**

*May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.*

## **WILLAND SCOUT GROUP**

Willand Scout, Cubs and Beavers have made the most of being able to meet up face to face and enjoy activities during this summer period.

Willand beavers has 20 young boys and girls that since September have learnt how to play French cricket, Rounders and Golf. As well as getting wet and muddy doing a water fight, bear trail and raft building.

The Cub group is thankfully still running with new helpers joining the group. The cubs have tried their hands at sword skills with a re-enactment group. Kayaking and paddle boarding as well as nerf gun wars and an animal experience with snakes and bugs!!

Scouts have also enjoyed being back together enjoying outdoor activities including quad biking.

Please keep your eyes peeled for a fund raising event we are holding on September 18th that will have a car boot sale outside and craft stalls inside as well as refreshments and raffle.

All held at the village hall. Poster will follow.

We, as always, are looking for extra volunteers to help run these groups. If you feel like you might like to know anymore please get in touch.

**Liesa.a.milligan@hotmail.com**

## **WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WITS)**

At last things are starting to return to normal. WiTS AGM was held on 25<sup>th</sup> June and a new committee was appointed.

Our members will soon be selecting a Panto for February 2022. Two candidate scripts have been read through, so hopefully I can report next issue what we have in store for you.



We will be having our “Premiere” night of “The Little Mermaid” on 6<sup>th</sup> August. A glittering red carpet occasion for our members and their families to enjoy and see the show from the audience’s point of view. Rehearsals will begin soon after as we start to get the buzz of

performing live in front of our fabulous audiences. Can’t wait.

New members have joined us already this year, so look forward to seeing some new faces treading the boards. We are always open to new people who would like to join in even if only to contribute behind the scenes with design, makeup costumes, props, lighting and scene building, to us they are all stars.

**Sam Fincher**

***All the worlds a stage, and all the men and women only players, they have their exits and entrances and one man in his time plays many parts.***



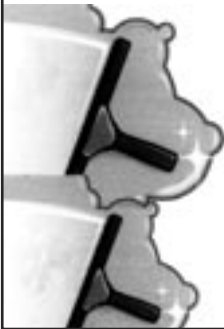
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## **WILLAND GARDEN CLUB**

Foiled again by COVID We were unable to meet on 14<sup>th</sup> July, as there is insufficient room for us to socially distance from each other. We have also decided to cancel our annual show yet again, as we were not sure when the regulations would relax and also whether or not people would want to mix.

We hope to start back on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September for a club meeting and also have a coffee morning scheduled for Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September – again COVID dependent.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and subscriptions are just £5 per person. The subscription entitles you to a 10% discount on all garden items at The Old Well Garden Centre.

If you would like to know more about the Club, please do not hesitate to contact me. **Carol Allan.** cbarwa@mail.com 01884 33828

## **EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

“At the time of writing, we shall be transitioning to another ‘new normal.’ Our club members have shown a great attitude in responding to the crisis and have followed all our safety procedures. Thank you to them all and to the parents for helping to mitigate the risk of transmission and help keep us open.

Our gymnastics sessions close for the summer holidays but we are holding a taster session for young boys and girls in school year one who might want to try something new. It’s on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 1600-1650 in the Willand Village Hall. Contact us on our new email address: **excelsiorathletic@gmail.com**

We have had lots of enquiries about weightlifting from young women: ‘I like it because it’s an actual skill that you have to learn rather than sitting on machines in the gym.’ Chloe, age 23. The benefits of weight lifting for women are well evidenced: improved bone mineral density (reduces risk of osteoporosis), improved body composition (muscle burns more calories at rest than fat), and improved self-esteem as well as the more obvious benefits of being fitter, stronger and more flexible.

We shall hold a club competition this summer where the members that have recently joined will take part alongside our more experienced lifters.

Athletics: as well as our weekly sessions, we are running two workshops at the Exeter Arena that will focus on the jumps and heavier throws. There is more to athletics than distance running! Some of our athletes are entering open competitions but it is so hard to plan with the COVID self-isolation system affecting school sports days as well. We shall push on, ‘Tough times don’t last, but tough people do.’ **James Marshall.**



## **CAMEO**

Hurrah, at last we have been able to make our first tentative steps towards the new "normalcy." Firstly we would like to say a few words about our much respected and loved, member Margaret Turner. Following her appalling accident, from which she is slowly recovering, Margaret then had the heartache of losing her husband Tom. All Cameo members send her their very good wishes and love. Margaret is an enthusiastic member, she arranged all our outings, lunches, dinners and many other outside activities too and for that she is sorely missed. We hope that eventually she will be able to join us again. In May.

We had a really lovely get-together at Bridewell Park, beautiful sunshine so were able to sit in the grounds for our coffee at the socially distanced requirements. It was just so great to meet our friends and have a catch-up, as not many of us, apart from the Walking Group, have been able to meet.

Sixteen members went to Sidmouth for coffee and a browse and on to Otter Nurseries for lunch. Although the weather could have been better, the company and laughter made up for that.

Our June meeting was not held in the Hall but, in lovely sunshine, in Peta's garden instead. The committee members made us delicious cakes and we had a raffle, this will help to boost our funds. The Walking Group have been able to go on some lovely walks mainly around the lanes and paths of Uffculme. They have had some nice teas out after their walks around the Uffculme area, at Bridewell Park and The Old Well garden centre.

As we had hoped, our meeting in July was able to be held in the Village Hall, with the front door and windows wide open and we were only allowed to come in through the front door for our own safety. The kitchen was out of bounds and the toilets had to be sanitised after every use. Members provided some lovely food and we sat socially distanced from each other. It was just great to be able to get together again. July saw us back at Bridewell Park for another Coffee Morning and again, we sat in the grounds in beautiful sunshine. We are going to an Italian restaurant in Tiverton for lunch at the end of July and for our August meeting we are having a barbeque at Peta's house.

Although the restrictions have been eased, as responsible people, we are taking care of ourselves and other people and hoping that this wretched virus will soon be gone and we can get back to our normal lives again. **Betty Penberthy.**

## **CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

In the Methodist church our new year starts with the academic year in September. If we are going to have a change of minister it happens in August ready for September start. Whilst there are no changes of minister this year, it seems like everything else changes. We are longing to get back to singing in worship whilst recognising that some people will remain uncomfortable at being without a mask. Like everyone else we have been sitting at a distance from each other and look forward to being closer.



As we look forward we are planning for Christmas already, hoping to be able to have the Carol service in the Village Hall, whilst recognising that we may have to do things differently.

We hope that you can join us as the new-year and new ways of doing things starts. **Rev Paul Booth** Minister – for now Culm Valley Methodist Church.

### **DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

We have not really got going at Devon County yet, because of all the inductions for new members. For me I am on the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Scrutiny (CIRS), the Devon & Somerset Fire Service, being the main committees, the smaller ones being the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC), the Canal Advisory, the Westleigh Quarry advisory and the Broadpath Advisory.

Not sure if there are any problems within Willand area that concerns County, of course, there may be, please let me know if something arises. I do note that there is always speed problems with some, this will always happen, we need to try and keep on top of it, but mainly it has to be a policing problem.

I have been involved with bringing better broadband in the Willand area, this will be coming about this year, Gigaclear will be the main provider. Airband are the providers under the Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) banner.

Other things happening at County;

A programme of bids totalling more than £12.2 million has been submitted by Devon County Council to a new government funding scheme which aims to support communities and businesses to recover after the coronavirus pandemic.

Devon's bid is made up 16 projects from across the county which have the potential to generate around 620 jobs, support the creation of 400 new businesses, and help 3,000 people to retrain.

The Department for Education recently published school admissions data stating that Devon is a high performing local authority in meeting parental preference for school places.

### **Devon primary schools**

Devon is ranked sixth out of 150 local authorities in the country (and first in the 14 local authorities in the south west) for meeting parental preference requests for primary school places.

- 97.6% first preference rate for Devon primary schools, up from 94.7% last year, significantly better than national (91.8%) and regional (93.8%)
- 99.6% top three preference rate for Devon primary schools, up from 98.2% last year, better than national (98.0%) and regional (98.7%)

**Devon secondary schools** Devon is ranked 28<sup>th</sup> out of 150 local authorities in the country (and sixth in the 14 local authorities in the south west) for meeting parental preference requests for secondary school places.

- 91.2% first preference rate for Devon secondary schools, down slightly from 92.3% in the previous year, significantly better than national (81.1%) and regional (86.5%)
- 97.5% top three preference rate for Devon secondary schools, similar to 97.4% last year, better than national (93.4%) and regional (95.9%).

This year sees us celebrating 10 years of the Snow Wardens Scheme; a scheme that without committed volunteers would fail to complement our winter service. Without their support over the winter period there could be a significant impact on the network; effecting local communities, vulnerable people and the economy.

In February members were informed Devon County Council and NHS Devon CCG had agreed with North Devon Health Care Trust not to renew the Living Well at Home service contract at the end of its natural term.

The service delivered by NDHT known as Devon Cares has been arranging care on behalf of DCC and CCG to people in those areas but does not directly deliver the care itself.

This decision means that Devon County Council will take back the day to day direct management of those care arrangements, working in close partnership with the same local care providers. People who are currently receiving domiciliary care arranged by Devon Cares on our behalf will continue to receive their service from the same care provider, with the same care arrangements.

We are working closely with Devon Cares and local care providers, and with individual clients and their families, to ensure that the transition is made without disruption to people's service.

This change in arrangement has commenced from the 21st June 2021.

In 2021/22 our principal term contractor, has changed from Skanska to Milestone Infrastructure Ltd (MI) a subsidiary company of M Group Services. The novation of the term contract over to MI was completed in April and the expectation is there will be no noticeable change in the delivery of the services formerly provided by Skanska. **Councillor Ray Radford**

### **WILLAND VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES**

<b>August</b>				
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Donor Session	W.V.H.	12.00 pm
<b>September</b>				
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Market	W.V.H.	10.00 am
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**'The Tuck Inn'** is an open air event of live music, food-making and sharing, and workshops, with a professional theatre production that reimagines Robin Hood at its heart. You'll be welcomed into the greenwood by the jolly, irrepressible Friar Tuck, and introduced to a band of merry men and women for an evening of music and storytelling. Along the way we'll meet a Viking warrior-ess, an Alchemist, a Sheriff with a dastardly plan to overcome, and our band of Outlaws as they search for a new Robin Hood and hero for the future. **This outdoor performance will be hosted picnic style – so bring along your own blankets to make yourself comfortable.**

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## THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFÉ

The recent Repair Service that the Blackdown Hills Repair Café have managed to offer the whole of the community, during the difficult Covid period, will be continuing. Stephan has managed to offer this service from his home as a hub in Blagdon Hill.

The Blackdown Hills Repair Café will also now resume its regular slot at the Hemyock Parish Hall on the 24th July 2021. From, 10am until 12.30pm and thereafter on the Fourth Saturday of every other Month.

Please contact Stephan, Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café.

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## WILLAND COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

I am delighted to say that, after many months of planning, we are very near to re-launching Willand Community Speed Watch.

Andrea Glover and I have been working hard to recruit 2 volunteer teams, one for Cullompton (Andrea is the group co-ordinator) and one for Willand (with me as group co-ordinator). We will be working closely together and helping each other out as necessary.

It's a steep learning curve for both the volunteers and our local neighbourhood police team, as it's new to them as well. PC Adrian Legg, the beat manager for Willand, is very supportive of our efforts as it's very much in everyone's interest to solve the speeding problem that we have in Willand.

Please watch out for further details on 'What's on Willand' including, as soon as we know it, the 'go live' date, i.e. the first time we will be out with the speed guns

The objective of this scheme is to remind drivers of the importance of sticking to speed limits and, when appropriate, below the limit. The Government web site says that '**speed limits are a maximum figure and that it is not always appropriate to drive at the maximum**'. We would rather deter speeders, not catch them. **David Marrow and Andrea Glover**

## ENJOY A CREAM TEA IN AID OF LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

The Big South West Cream Tea takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend and organiser Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is asking supporters to join in by holding their own cream tea fundraiser with friends and family. You can enjoy a Great British classic at home, the park or even virtually and help raise vital funds for local families. It's a lovely way to help celebrate CHSW's 30th anniversary, and if you are able to raise £30 or more we'll send you a special CHSW 30th anniversary medal.

The charity, which runs three children's hospices across the South West, including Little Bridge House near Barnstaple, has everything you need to hold your own cream tea fundraiser.

"Register your event on our website to receive your free fundraising pack, which includes invites, recipe, '#JamFirst' and '#CreamFirst' signs, donation form, bunting, thank-you cards and more," added Bernadette.



“You’ll also find links to businesses that can deliver a cream tea straight to your front door with a donation going to CHSW.

“If you’d prefer to hold your cream tea before or after the August Bank Holiday that’s absolutely fine; however and whenever you plan to take part in the Big South West Cream Tea, every penny you’re able to raise will make a real difference to children with life-limiting conditions and their families.”

The Big South West Cream Tea is kindly sponsored by Happy Days Nurseries, which operates 18 nurseries throughout the South West and is also celebrating 30 years this year.

Marketing manager Rebekah Fice-Thomson said: “CHSW is very dear to our hearts, so we’re delighted to be able to support The Big South West Cream Tea fundraiser this summer. “We are looking forward to celebrating our own 30th birthday with a cream tea on September 4 and raising as much as we can for such an important charity.” To register your cream tea event or for more information, visit [www.chsw.org.uk/creamtea](http://www.chsw.org.uk/creamtea)

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### **WILLAND VILLAGE HALL**

Because of the COVID restrictions being prolonged into July, several of our users have been unable to start meeting again, but we are all keeping our fingers crossed that we will soon be back to normal.

We held our AGM in May and the trustees were all re-elected. We were pleased to see members from the Tennis Club and Youth Club at the meeting. There are still vacancies for trustees and we would very much like to have some younger people on our committee. We only meet 6 times a year on the fourth Tuesday of alternate months. The meetings are usually only around an hour long. Thousands of people use the hall every year and the trustees would like to make sure that all users are represented on the committee.

To help our users get back into the swing of things, the trustees agreed to give a 50% discount on hire charges for the first month they returned to using the hall. This ends in September. We were fortunate to obtain a number of grants from the Government, which meant that our funds were not depleted as much as we thought, so we were able to offer this to our regular users.

Our next project is to have the main toilets refurbished, but we are having difficulty in getting any contractors to give quotes. It seems they are all too busy. Please visit our website, [www.willandvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.willandvillagehall.org.uk), to check the calendar for future bookings. The email for booking is [bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk). **Carol Allan**

***Old men can make war, but it is children who will make history.***

## **MID DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

They are telling us we are now in summer. The weather the last few weeks certainly didn't seem to be very summer like, still we've had about a day and a half of better sunny weather so my grass has grown about a foot a day, the delights of an English summer seemingly consistent in all its variables.

The Ward has been relatively quiet, a couple of issues with 2 Sisters around rubbish left on the street but in fairness the site manager is quick to react and sort any reported issues.

I'm getting relatively few, just a couple of very localised complaints around odours, sent to me directly, now this could be a good thing or individuals may be calling the Environment Agency help line and reporting them directly?

Just in case you've lost the number it's 0800 807060, open 24/7 please if you have an issue report it. I am also happy to be informed and would appreciate any details via email, especially the incident number you will be given. You can also report without having to give your name.

I know the Parish Council are looking at formulating a Neighbourhood Plan and would encourage you all to get involved. It's a way you can have a say on what can be built and how it can be built in our communities. If you have any questions you can go to the MDDC web pages to read about Neighbourhood Plans or just Google the words.

The other thing is to attend a Parish Council meeting, they would be delighted to see you and answer any questions.

On planning I'm going to do a name drop. I don't get many opportunities to do this so here goes ....as the MDDC Portfolio Holder for Housing I was invited to a Zoom call with the Minister - Robert Jenrick. I've done a couple of these calls and it's normally something like 300 participants and a Minister or underling talking at you for 30 minutes with time at the end for 2 questions that have been pre-selected. Well not this time.

The meeting was the Minister and four South West Councillors with responsibility for housing. It was a very relaxed affair and we all managed to get a number of questions direct to the Minister, not a senior civil servant in sight.

I won't go into detail here but I will give the next Parish Council a brief run down. If you are interested pop along, or drop me a line.

On the subject of housing I'm absolutely delighted and proud to be fronting the modular housing schemes here in Mid Devon. The display unit will be open to the public from Monday 26th July in the car park at the Cullompton Leisure Centre, please go have a look, I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

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Finally we seem to be coming to the end of many of the restrictions relating to Covid-19. Although there are still those that will need to be cautious and no we can't all fly off on holiday anywhere in the world just yet, it's still Cornwall for me this year, at least some things can be enjoyed.

As always if you have any issues comments or yes even complaints, please do let me know. **Bob Evans** MDDC Councillor, Lower Culm  
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**The Mid Devon Singers restarted singing in June and sang through July in the courtyard at Swallow Court, Jersey Farm, near Junction 27. We resume singing at Halberton Village Hall on Friday 23 July, at 7.30pm (not in August). We meet again there on Friday 3 September and have a BBQ the next day.**

The MiDS is a social and musical group. There are no auditions in our inclusive, all age, mixed choir that includes first-timers and experienced singers; children and families are welcome. We don't sing one type of music; we normally sing a little of everything across all styles from past to present. We're friendly, not cliquey and just enjoy singing together.

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### **WILLAND HISTORY GROUP**

In June we held our first meeting for a very long time, Covid-safe but in person, and made the decision that it was time for Willand History Group to get a bit more active! While we continue to emerge from the Covid era, our initial focus will be an exhibition in 2022. Planning is still at early stages, but we hope to hold it over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration weekend of 2-5 June 2022, perhaps in conjunction with broader parish celebrations. Our theme will be Willand 1952-2022 (we've yet to think of a catchy title), which will include village events and celebrations, as well as looking at some of the changes that have happened in the parish during in that time – there's been a few.

With the Exhibition in mind, we are looking to gather any photos, cuttings, documents, memorabilia, memories and recollections, or really anything to do with Willand over the last 70 years, right up to and including the Covid pandemic. We are keen to get as many people involved as possible, whether you've been in Willand for days or decades.

We have a group meeting coming up on Tuesday, 10 August 2021, 7.00pm, at The Annex of Willand Village Hall – at which we hope to start planning the exhibition, but also look at several new items that have come forward for the Willand Archive. We are also planning a Willand Wander (or Wonder) on Sunday, 22 August 2021, meeting at 4.00pm in the Willand Village Hall car park. Weather permitting, this will be a short group walk around the village (route to be decided) to start making a photographic record of some of the changes to the parish over the last 70 years, and to get some now-then photo comparisons for the Exhibition. Why not come along and join us at either of these? If you have an interest in the village, would like to learn more about Willand's past, or can tell us more, or if you'd like to get involved in our 2022 exhibition, please get in touch on the contact details below to book a place. You are all more than welcome.

Many thanks to Betty Penberthy, who has emailed us some of her memories of Willand, amongst which she recalls the impact of the M5 motorway, built in the 1970s. Before its arrival, "During the summer months it was almost impossible to get across the main road due to traffic. The village policeman would come and hold up the traffic so that the District Nurse could visit her patients. He was Jock MacLean and lived on the main road in a police house, near Spearing's garage. He was very strict and the children always made sure they were behaving when he was about. The Railway Inn along with the railway cottages were all demolished [for the M5] and also the Assembly Rooms. I can remember those rooms, before the Village Hall was completed. Evidently it was the hub of the village, with dances, whist drives, etc., all held there. Round the World began just beyond the Chapel and it was a lovely walk. We were always walking there with our prams and the children on their bikes, etc. No traffic. I did not know until my niece snitched on them, that her two brothers and my four boys used to run along the top of the railway bridge, over the main railway line, just for fun – I'm glad I didn't know.

We would take a picnic round there, and we would meet up with the other village folk too. Right at the top near the main road was the Jubilee Tree, a very big tree, all taken down. There was a big house belonging to Mr and Mrs Batten which was also demolished, but Mr Batten insisted that a replica was built the other side of the road and that's still there [between the ESSO garage and the motorway]. There was a little bungalow there too, opposite of what is now Diggerland, at the entry to Verbeer, that was also lost."

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## **WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING (WCCS).**

Well, here we are in the summer! Less Rain and More of the SUN please. With this change of weather: - It is good to receive an increasing amount of both garden waste material and (FRESH) grass cuttings being deposited at the site. Hedges – don't forget to check for bird nests.

As a reminder our opening periods are Sundays and Wednesdays 10.00 am – 12 noon.

**COVID:** I know there are going to be changes to the current restrictions on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 but, at the time of this article we don't know exactly what these (changes) are going to be. However, we would like to say a big thankyou to all who supported our request for following our own Covid-19 restrictions.

Post 19<sup>th</sup> July we request you could kindly support whatever we put in place on the site from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. This is for the benefit of all and your on-going support will be gratefully appreciated.

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A very successful open day was held at the centre on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July attended by the Chair of the WHACC the press and the Chair of the Parish Council as well as some residents. Books were exchanged the tombola was popular and there was a bric a brac stall too. A lovely lemon cake was donated by Fiona Tucker and enjoyed by all.

We hope to see some extra new faces at the next one which will have happened by the time the magazine comes out but don't worry if you missed it there will be more on the following dates.

August the 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00am to 1.00pm

August 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am to 1.00pm

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am to 1.00pm

September 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am to 1.00pm

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Flower Arranging (Sept – Mar)	Tuesday	1.30 pm
Move it or Lose it	Tuesday	2.00 pm
Gymnastics Club	Tuesday	4.00 pm
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Tiny Tots	Wednesday	9.30 am
Flower Arranging (Sept – Mar)	Wednesday	1.30 pm
Pilates	Wednesday	5.30 pm
Short Mat Bowls	Wednesday	7.00 pm
Garden Club	2nd Wednesday	7.00 pm
Pilates with Ellie	Thursday	9.40 am
U3A	1st Thursday	1.00 pm
Karate	Thursday	6.00 pm
CAMEO	1st Thursday	7.00 pm
Folk Dance (restarts Sept)	2nd & 4th Thursday	8.00pm
Zumba	Friday	9.00 am
U3A Quiz group	3rd Friday	11.00 am
Zumba	Fridays	10.45 am
WiTS	Fridays	7.00 pm
Theatre Train Exeter	Saturday (Term-Time)	2.00 pm
Cowgirl Twisters	Saturday (Monthly)	7.30 pm
Karate	Sunday	10.00 am
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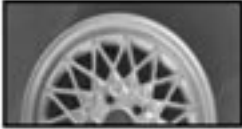
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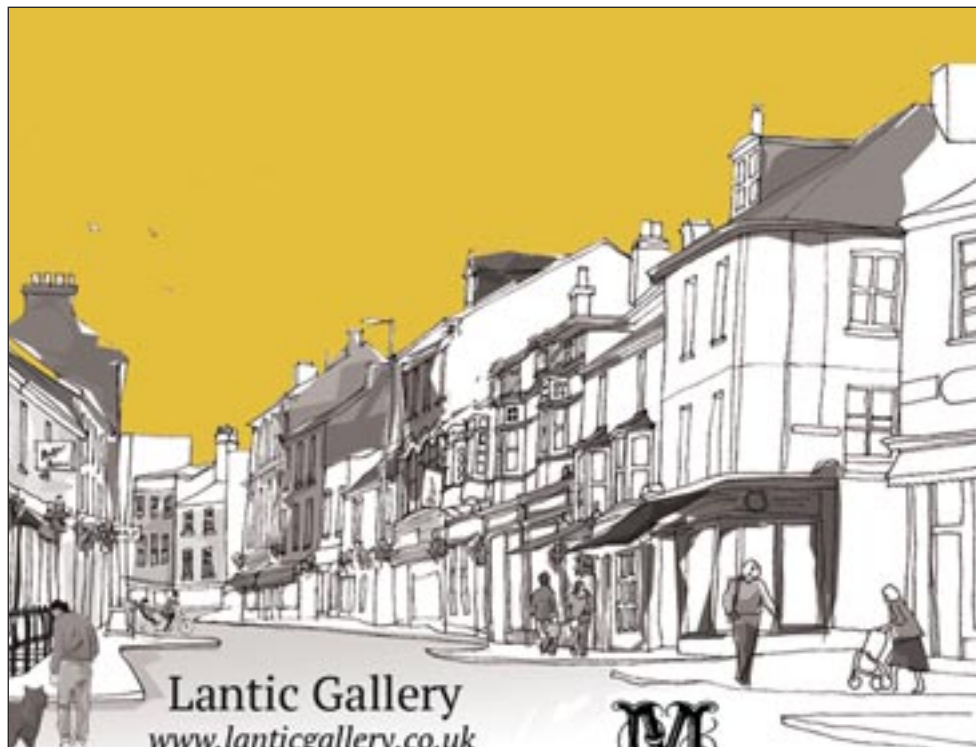
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